

The Bulletin Salutes Dr. N. Frederick Hicken



Much of the committee activity in which N. Frederick Hicken, M.D., has been involved for the Utah State Medical Society, has been behind the scenes and, in large measure, unheralded. Particularly in AMPAC and UMPAC assignments, he has served in many time consuming responsibilities that have extended over many years. The increasing effectiveness of these two important political arms of the AMA and USMA, attest to the quality of his interest and capabilities. The respect with which AMPAC and UMPAC are regarded by active politicians of both major political parties, best bespeak the dedication of Dr. Hicken's efforts in their behalf.

N. Frederick Hicken was born in Heber City, Utah and completed his early schooling, through high school, there. He was graduated from the University of Utah in 1925 with an AB degree. While

there, he was a member of the University debating team for four years and served as senior class president his final year.

He then entered medical school at the University of Utah. It being a two year institution at that time, he completed his work there in 1927 and entered the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated with his M.D. degree in 1929. He interned at the Geisinger Memorial Hospital, Danville, Pa., during 1929-30 and did his surgical resident training at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio from 1930 to 35. He then entered the practice of general surgery in Omaha, Nebraska and also served as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Nebraska Medical School until 1939.

Since 1939 he has practiced general surgery in Salt Lake City and has been an active member of the Salt Lake County Medical Society and the USMA during that time. He is also serving as Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery at the University of Utah College of Medicine.

Among the professional organizations with which Dr. Hicken is affiliated are: Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery 1938, Southwestern Surgical Congress 1950, American College of Surgeons, International College of Surgeons, American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Salt Lake Surgical Society and is currently Vice Chairman of the General Surgical Section of the American Medical Association.

He has authored over 100 articles which have been published in leading Surgical Journals. Subjects covered included: Diseases of the breasts, thyroid glands, the liver and gall bladder. He pioneered the field of Mammography as far back as 1937 and received the bronze award, given by the American Radiological Society, for this

work. He also received special awards from the American Medical Association for his exhibits on Diagnostic Mammography and also Scientific Awards from the AMA for his work on Cholangiography and Operative Cholangiography.

Dr. Hicken is a member and founder of the Utah Health Foundation, a political organization for the Utah State Medical Association. At the inception of the AMPAC and UMPAC movements, he became the first chairman and served until recently when he was released. He also represented Utah on the National Board of AMPAC.

He is married to the former Alta Thomas and they have one daughter Alta and five grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. Hicken enjoy traveling when the opportunity permits and also enjoy frequent excursions to their summer home near Pinedale, Wyoming where Dr. Hicken reports the "fishing is fine."

For the professional esteem in which Dr. Hicken is held by his physician associates, for the impressive professional accomplishments and training he has achieved and for the selfless interest he has manifest in the organizational activities of his professional associations, the Bulletin is proud to salute N. Fred Hicken, M.D.

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Nymphus Frederick Hicken, M.D., was born in Heber City, Utah, October 13, 1900, son of Frederick R. and Winnie Murdock Hicken. He married Alta Thomas Hicken in 1925. He attended elementary school and Wasatch High School at Heber City in 1917, and fulfilled a mission for the LDS Church to the Western States. He graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. degree in 1925, and attended the U. of U. Medical School 1925-27, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1929.

Nymphus Frederick interned in Geisinger Memorial Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania, and did post-graduate work in surgery at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, 1930-34. He then entered private practice of surgery at Omaha, Nebraska, and was assistant clinical professor of surgery at the University of Nebraska college of medicine.

He moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1939, and joined the surgical staff of the Latter-day Saints Hospital. He was affiliated with the University of Utah college of medicine as associate professor of clinical surgery.

Professional memberships: American Medical Association, diplomate of American Board of Surgery, fellow American College of Surgeons, fellow International College of Surgeons, fellow Pan Pacific Surgical Association, fellow South Western Surgical Congress, member of Utah State Medical Association and Salt Lake County Medical Society.

He has been active in medical legislation, and author of numerous surgical writings which have been published in leading surgical journals.

Alta T. Hicken

Eliza Alta Thomas Hicken, 82, passed away August 18, 1983.

Born October 27, 1900, Heber City, to Jessup Watson and Eunice Lindsay Thomas. Married Dr. N. Frederick (Nif) Hicken, August 19, 1925, Salt Lake City. LDS Temple, University of Utah BA Degree, 1925, and Master's Degree, 1927. Taught school, Afton, Wyoming, 1923-24, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania School system, 1927-32, Omaha, Nebraska School system, 1939-41. Member, LDS Church. Member and officer, Utah State Women's Medical Auxiliary Founder and Organizer, Utah League of Women Voters, Active Republican Party worker. Special member, Advisory Committee, Salt Lake Police Department, six years. Organizer and volunteer, Pink Ladies, LDS Hospital. Member, Workers Legislative Council, (four terms), Utah Medical Association.

Survivors: Husband; daughter, Mrs. Norma Adamson, Los Angeles, Calif.; brothers and sisters, R. Weston, Duchesne; Ina VanTassell, North Ogden; Royal, Irene Griffiths, both Salt Lake City; Linda Gines, Hanna, Utah; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services Monday, 11 a.m., Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 East 1300 South, where friends may call one hour prior to services. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery.

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Funeral services were held Monday, August 22, 1983. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery.